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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

James O. Farmer, et al.

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For: System and Method for  
Communicating Optical Signals  
Between A Data Service  
Provider and Subscribers

Art Unit: 2633

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Confirmation No.: 3294

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

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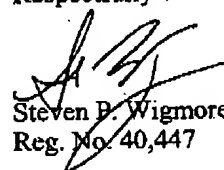
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Sir:

The above-identified Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Official Action dated October 24, 2004, to expire April 24, 2004. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

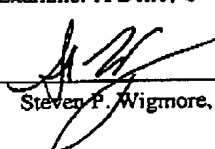
Please charge the three month extension of time fee of \$475.00 and any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 11-0980. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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